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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
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Re: D.T.E. 04-33: Verizon Consolidated Arbitration

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Tina W. Chin dated March 26, 2004, NEON Connect, Inc. ("NEON") herewith submits this letter affirming that it does not intend to actively participate in this proceeding. Although NEON will not be formally represented by any other active parties in this proceeding, as a competitive local exchange carrier, NEON's interests likely will be represented by the actively participating major CLEC's and the Competitive Carrier Coalition.

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Any other contact information for NEON Connect, Inc. or NEON Communications, Inc. should not be used for the service list in this proceeding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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